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SUBJECT: URANIUM ENRICHMENT: REPORTED TRIPARTITE

INTEREST IN AUSTRALIAN PLANT

REF: CANBERRA 138, HAGUE 101, USEC BRUSSELS 174

1. THERE IS SOME INTEREST AFTER ALL WITHIN UK-FRG-NETHERLANDS URENCO GROUP IN AN AUSTRALIAN CENTRIFUGE PLANT. HEAD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY DIVISION OF DUTCH ECONOMIC MINISTRY, H.K. MANI, TOLD EMBOFF JANUARY 10 THAT, PARTLY AS RESULT OF MEETINGS AUSTRALIAN PM WHITLAM HAD IN LONDON AND THE HAGUE, THERE IS DESIRE WITHIN TROIKA TO HOLD INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND LATER INDUSTRY TALKS WHICH WOULD EXAMINE SECURITY, FINANCIAL AND OTHER ASPECTS OF POSSIBLE MINORITY POSITION BY URENCO PARTNERS IN AUSTRALIAN ENRICHMENT FACILITY. HE SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO DECISION YET, HOWEVER, TO SEND ANYONE FROM UK, GERMANY OR NETHERLANDS, TO AUSTRALIA TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS.

2. COMMENT. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT REPORTED DESIRE FOR
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TALKS INVOLVES NO MORE THAN WISH TO EXPLORE ALL OPTIONS FOR

FUTURE. POINTS MADE IN EC BRUSSELS 174 ABOUT DIFFICULTIES
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